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DATE: December 14, 2010

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FROM: Kurt E. Floren  
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#### SUBJECT: **PUBLIC MEETING PLANNED ON ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID IN POMONA**

As reported in previous updates, on August 24, 2009, a single specimen of Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) *Diaphorina citri*, a serious agricultural pest, was detected in the area of Echo Park by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). Since that detection, the first of ACP ever in Los Angeles County, thousands of specimens have been detected in various locations, mostly contiguous with the expanding known infestation area around Echo Park. A single specimen was detected in Pomona on October 27, 2009, but none others had been detected in the area until November 16, 2010, when CDFA collected an ACP in a trap approximately one mile northeast of the previous Pomona detection.

Since the first detection last year, CDFA has been treating properties at which the ACP specimens have been trapped together with nearby properties with host trees and plants, applying the pesticides cyfluthrin and imidacloprid to host plants and soil utilizing hand-held sprayers. CDFA has informed each property resident prior to such treatment.

The treatment area may expand in the eastern area of the County, as specimens of ACP were detected in the adjacent County of San Bernardino cities of Upland and Montclair on October 15 and November 2, respectively. This is the first time ACP has been detected in the County of San Bernardino. No aerial applications are being considered.

To discuss the treatment project and provide direct answers to questions from area residents, CDFA will hold an open house meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at Genesha Community Center, 1575 N. White Avenue, Pomona, CA 91786, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Notices and treatment area maps have been mailed to all area residents (Please see attached). Members of my staff will be in attendance at the open house meeting.

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ACP was first detected in California on August 27, 2008, in San Diego County, followed by detections in Imperial and Orange Counties. Asian Citrus Psyllid is a prime vector of the disease huanglongbing, also known as citrus greening disease, which, if introduced, could devastate the state's valuable citrus industry as well as backyard fruit production. Fortunately, none of the ACP specimens detected in California has yet been found to carry the disease.

Please note that residents may be directed to call the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Pest Hotline at 1-800-491-1899 if they believe that they have found a specimen of ACP or any other exotic insect pest.

We will continue to inform the respective City Managers and your Board offices in the areas involved to enable staff to answer questions from the public.

I will continue to update you as details become available and warrant an update.

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Attachments

c: William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer  
Jackie White, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Safety  
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Board Deputies



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE**

**OFFICIAL NOTICE  
PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY**

**OPEN HOUSE MEETING ON THE TREATMENT PLANS AGAINST THE  
ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID DETECTED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

**Meeting – Wednesday, December 15, 2010  
4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.  
Ganesha Community Center  
1575 North White Avenue  
Pomona, CA 91786**

The Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), a serious insect pest in California, has been detected in your neighborhood. The ACP is a tiny, flying insect that transmits a bacterial disease called Huanglongbing (HLB) to citrus trees. Trees infected with the HLB disease produce bitter and misshapen fruit. The HLB disease is fatal to citrus trees. The ACP is a threat to California's backyard and commercially grown citrus. Emergency treatment and quarantine action is needed to protect California from the negative economic and environmental impacts the establishment of this pest throughout California would cause.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture consulted with scientists who are experts in the biology of this pest. These experts have recommended a treatment plan designed to mitigate the infestation.

Beginning on December 20, 2010, limited ground treatments with a formulation of a pyrethroid will be applied to the foliage of citrus trees on your property. At the same time, an imidacloprid insecticide will be applied to the soil beneath the citrus trees for ongoing protection against the ACP.

Residents of properties scheduled for treatment will be notified prior to the application. Included in this packet is a map outlining the project area and an ACP informational brochure.

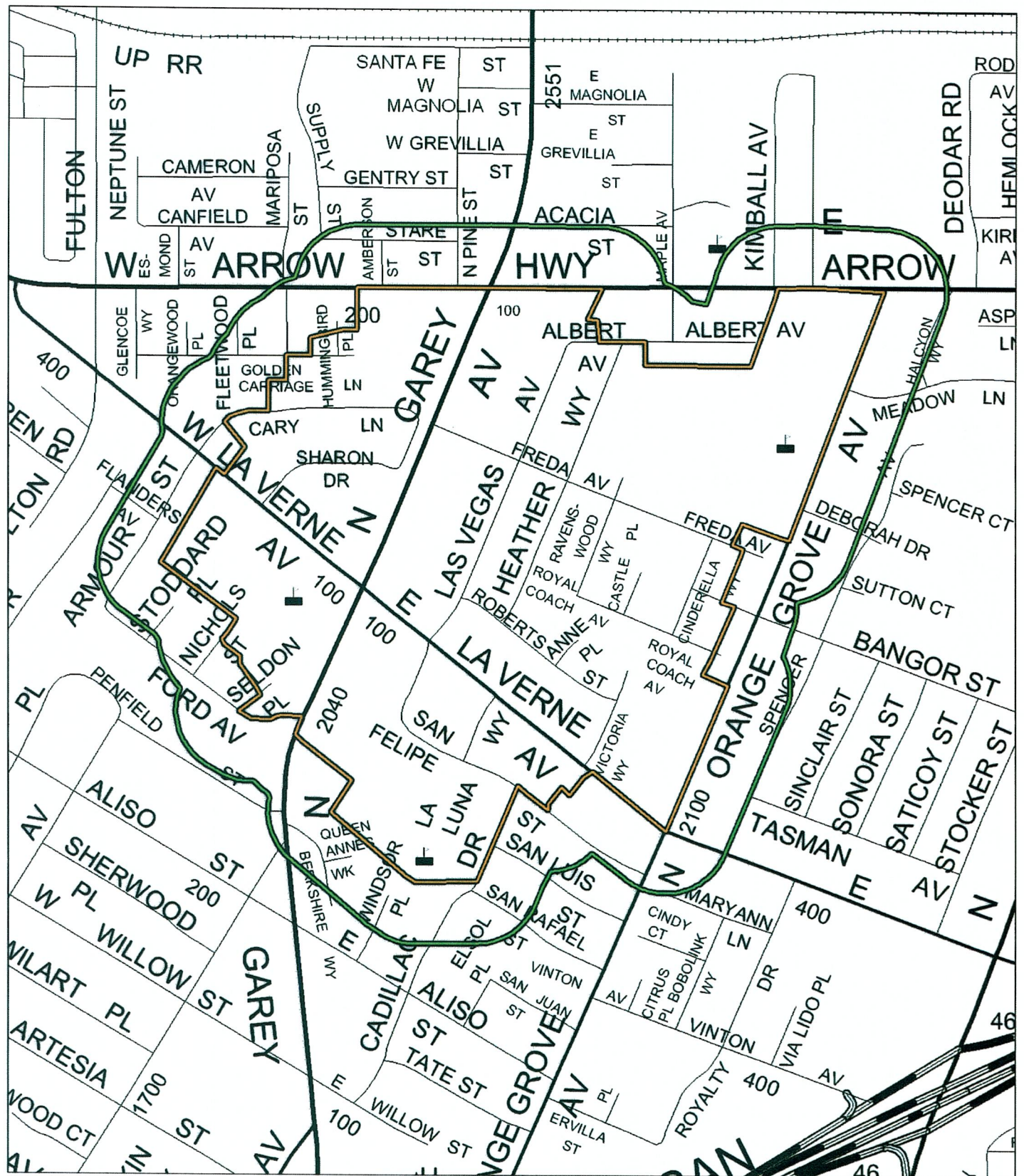
To inform you of planned activities, residents of the affected area are invited to attend an open house meeting on Wednesday, December 15, between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Ganesha Community Center in Pomona. At this meeting, cooperating agency officials will provide information and answer questions about the program.

Your cooperation with this program is needed to rid California of this harmful invading pest while it is still possible. If you cannot attend this important meeting and require additional information, please contact our toll-free PEST HOTLINE at (800) 491-1899 for further assistance.



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